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I, HARRY N. PRESS, say and declare:

1. I am employed by the Board of Trustees of Leland Stanford Junior University as Associate Editor of Stanford News Service. I have been employed in this or similar capacities since September 1967. In this capacity I am responsible, among other things, for attending and observing meetings of various kinds held on Stanford University campus.

2. On Wednesday, April 9, 1969, from approximately 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm I was present in Dinkelspiel Auditorium at a meeting of over 900 persons, which meeting discussed classified and war-related research at Stanford University and at Stanford Research Institute. At approximately 11.00 pm the meeting ended with a vote to stage a sit-in in the Stanford Applied Electronics Laboratory.

3. At noon on April 10 I attended a White Plaza rally of approximately 500 people, which meeting discussed the reasons for the Applied Electronics Laboratory sit-in, and was followed by a 1.00 pm meeting of approximately 200-300 individuals in the Applied Electronics Laboratory courtyard. Both meetings were announced in that morning's Stanford Daily.

4. On April 10, 1969, I was present at a meeting in the courtyard of the Applied Electronics Laboratory. The meeting, scheduled and announced publicly at the 1.00 pm meeting that date, commenced about 8.00 pm and lasted about two hours. There were about 800 people present, and they voted to continue the sit-in until an "acceptable response" was received to their demands.

5. On April 11, 1969, I attended another meeting in the courtyard of the Applied Electronics Laboratory, which included approximately 400 individuals.

6. On April 13, 1969, I attended a meeting at the Applied Electronics Laboratory commencing approximately 1.30 pm and adjourning at approximately 3.00 pm. Approximately 500 people attended this meeting. Professor Leonard Schiff, among speakers at this meeting, agreed to return at an evening meeting, beginning about 8.00 pm, and he did. The audience in the evening was 400 to 500.

7. On April 14, 1969, I attended a meeting of approximately 200 to 300 individuals at approximately 10.00 am. in the Applied Electronics Laboratory courtyard. The discussion related to the taking of names of sit-inners by faculty and staff members.

8. On April 14, 1969, a meeting of approximately 650 people was held at 8.00 pm in the Applied Electronics Laboratory courtyard on Stanford campus. The discussion at this meeting included tactics and reasons for the sit-in. I did not attend this meeting but other members of the News Service staff did.

9. On April 15 there was a meeting of approximately 250 individuals at approximately 7.30 pm, lasting approximately two hours, at the Applied Electronics Laboratory courtyard. I did not attend this meeting, but other members of the News Service staff did.

10. On April 16 there was a meeting of approximately 500 individuals at the Applied Electronics Laboratory courtyard from approximately 8.00 pm to approximately 1.00 am. I did not attend this meeting, but other members of the News Service staff did.

11. On April 17, 1969, there was a meeting at noon at White Plaza, a general meeting place on Stanford campus, attended by some 800 people, at which meeting the sit-in and its tactics were discussed. I did not attend this meeting, but other members of the News Service staff did.

12. On April 17 I was present at a meeting of about 700 people held in the courtyard at the Applied Electronics Laboratory which meeting lasted approximately three hours.

13. On April 18, 1969, I was present at a 9.00 am meeting in the Applied Electronics Laboratory courtyard including about 600 people, which meeting terminated at 10.15 am in a decision to temporarily end the sit-in at the Applied Electronics Laboratory and called a mass meeting on campus at the Applied Electronics Laboratory for Friday, April 25, ~~a-place-then-unspecified~~, to decide on any additional tactical moves deemed necessary.

14. On April 25, 1969, I attended a meeting at the Applied Electronics Laboratory courtyard of approximately 600-700 people. At this meeting it was announced that there would be tactical meetings on Tuesday, April 29, and Wednesday, April 30.

15. On Wednesday, April 30, I was present at a meeting of approximately 800 people held outside Memorial Auditorium, lasting from approximately 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm. This meeting re-assembled that night at Tresidder Student Union, at which meeting I was also present and which included approximately 700 people. At approximately 11.00 pm this meeting, because Tresidder Union was closing, adjourned to Dinkelspiel Auditorium, at which time and place I was also present and this meeting included approximately 900 people. At this meeting I heard the following statements:

Unidentified: "We should look for a building to hurt the administration, so they'll do something stupid like call the cops. If Pitzer does, we've got things right in our hands."

Fred Cohen: "One way or another, pigs or students, we need to get them out of the way - fight or push."

Steve Weissman: "Let each person decide how to act, on a moral or political basis. It's not very effective to go and non-violently try to get into a building if people are standing there. It's very simple to get past

thirty people and very quick. Some of us know how to do it, and if it bothers you, don't look."

Later I heard Steve Weissman say that those who enter a building should do so "with the most humanity and common sense to achieve an objective. We will not go over to be violent, but to get into the building in the most humane way." This proposal later was made into the form of a motion, and passed.

This meeting at Dinkelspiel adjourned when individuals present announced their intention to go to Encina Hall to occupy that building.

16. On the night of May 1, at Cubberley, a meeting of approximately 600 people was held from approximately 8.00 pm until past 1.00 am. The KZSU live broadcast of this meeting still was in progress when I left the News Service office at approximately 1.00 am. This meeting was attended by other members of the News Service staff.

17. On May 2 I attended a meeting of approximately 1,000 people in White Plaza, which meeting discussed the sit-in and possible tactics of the people attending the meeting.

18. Some of the above meetings were announced as to time and place at the adjournment of the previous meeting; others of such meetings were mentioned in news stories in The Stanford Daily which is published Monday through Friday on the Stanford campus and which, on Saturday, April 19, published a special issue carrying, among other news, information about the Applied Electronics Laboratory sit-in. All of the above meetings were well publicised on Stanford campus.

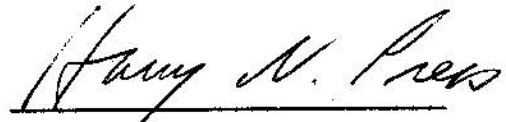
All of the meetings I attended were open to anyone who wished to attend and I observed no one being refused admittance or ordered to leave. I

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observed that it was possible to obtain free movement into or out of such meetings. At all such meetings which I attended I observed that anyone who wished to speak at these meetings was allowed to do so. I did not observe any University official attempt at any time to control what was said at any meeting or to attempt to break up any meeting or to interfere with the freedom of the participants to speak on any subject.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true.

Executed at Stanford, California on May 7, 1969.

  
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